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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Divisional Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 1615

Divisional of Serial No: 08/702,700

Examiner: Benston Jr., W.

This application filed: August 30, 2000

For: INHALATION COMPOSITION CONTAINING LACTOSE PELLETS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert as the first sentence - This application is a divisional application of pending U.S. application serial number 08/702,700, filed September 13, 1996, which is a 371 of PCT/EP95/00917, filed March 13, 1995.- -

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-17 without prejudice or disclaimer and add the following new claims to the application.

- -18. A pharmaceutical powder composition suitable for inhalation comprising microfine particles of medicament and at least one lactose pellet having a diameter of from about 10 to about 1500 micrometers, which pellet comprises a plurality of microfine lactos particles, wherein the medicament is selected from the group consisting of codeine, dihydromorphine, ergotamine, fentanyl, morphine, diltiazem, cromoglycate, ketotifen, nedocromil, cephalosporins, penicillins, streptomycin, sulphonamides,